# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RAILWAYS
# LOK SABHA

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RESEARCH ON RAIL FRACTURES AND TRACK MAINTENANCE
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether despite incurring huge expenditure on research on rail fractures and tracks maintenance equipment, no tangible results have been achieved so far;

(b) if so, the estimated annual expenditure incurred by the Government on this account;

(c) the reasons for non-achievement of the objectives in this regard; and

(d) the steps being con contemplated by the government in this matter?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) : No, Sir,

(b) : Does not arise. However, railways decided in 1997 to associate with the International Union of railways (UIC) in the research project `Rail Defect Management`. The final report of UIC is exdpected in the financial year 2003-04.

(c) & (d) : do not arise.